

Year 3

Summer



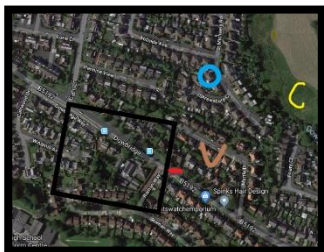
History - Local Study of Kirkham

Kirkham as a Roman Town

In this unit, children will build on their knowledge of where they live and extend their knowledge of the Romans by studying Kirkham as Roman town. Children will make connections, draw contrasts and form historically valid questions about similarity and difference.

Key Knowledge

- Romans arrived in Kirkham around 70AD and a fort, possibly of turf and wood, was established on the edge of Carr Hill somewhere in the region of the Windmill house and partly underneath the present Preston Street.
- Romans used Hadrian's Wall and Roman forts protect their land and their soldiers.
- The Romans built Britain's first towns. Within 17 years of the invasion, they had several major towns in place. connected by the famous Roman roads.
- The Romans loved washing and bathing and rather it being done in private, the Romans built magnificent public bath houses in towns across their empire. A major recent discovery in Kirkham has been identifying the location of the 'Bath House' that accompanied the fort. In 2010 the site was located on St. Michael's Road.
- Archaeologists use many special ways to figure out how the Romans used sites in the past Roman finds giving clues to how the site was used and who was living there 2000 years ago have been found in Kirkham.



Key Vocabulary

Archaeology - The study of history by looking for things people in the past have left behind.

Bath House - A complex of rooms designed for public bathing, relaxation, and social activity that was developed to a high degree of sophistication by the ancient Romans.

Conquest - A military invasion.

Empire - A group of territories under one rule.

Emperor - A man who rules an Empire.

Evidence - A sign to show something existed or is true.

Hadrian's Wall - Hadrian's Wall was built to guard the wild north-west frontier of the Roman Empire.

Invasion - To enter as an enemy, by force, to take control.

Legion - A division of 3,000 - 6,000 men and cavalry in a Roman army.

Legionary - A soldier in a Roman legion.

Rebellion - A fight against the ruler.

Roman Fort - Permanent or semi-permanent bases of Roman troops.

Taxes - The way government collects money to pay for things.

Key Questions

What do you think life was like in Kirkham after the Romans invaded?

How do we know Romans lived in Kirkham, what evidence is there?